

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 10:30 a.m. on February 5, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Melissa Doeblin, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Robert Waller, Kansas Board of EMS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Senator Gilstrap requested a bill introduction that has to do with reduced ignition propensity cigarettes.

Senator Gilstrap moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

**SB 512 -Emergency medical services, attendant's certificate requirements**

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 512**.

Robert Waller, Chief Administrator, Board of Emergency Medical Services, appeared in favor of the bill. (Attachment 1) The KBEMS was presented by EMS service directors and attendants, to adopt the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as the state certification examination; the bill would also allow the Board to require any applicant to be fingerprinted and to submit to a criminal history record check.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 512**

**SB 513 - Emergency medical services, fingerprinting, criminal history record checks**

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 513**

Robert Waller, Chief Administrator, Board of Emergency Medical Services, appeared in favor of the bill. The bill is to direct the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct the criminal history record and fingerprint checks, which would be used by the Board to determine the qualifications and fitness of any current licensee or new licensee applicants.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 513**

**SB 514 - Emergency medical services board, authority to grant exemptions or waivers to rules and regulations in certain circumstances.**

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 514**

Robert Waller, Chief Administrator, Board of Emergency Medical Services, appeared in favor of the bill. (Attachment 2) In December of 2007, the KBEMS Board was informed by the Attorney General that the Board did not have the statutory authority to issue or adopt a variance regulation, and that any changes to this regulation will not be approved due to lack of statutory authority.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 514**

Petition percentage requirements for **SB 454**, was provided by Kansas Farm Bureau. (Attachment 3)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am. The next scheduled meeting is February 6, 2008.